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Please send me your January update by COB tomorrow, please! Here's last month's info:

I. Community Outreach

EPA, State, County and local agencies and officials will conduct a Community Awareness Committee meeting on January 18, 2012, to continue to address public issues surrounding the site's cleanup as well as plan for significant community involvement events in the coming year.

II. Source Stabilization

In response to comments received in December, EPA sent a revised Draft Final Construction Completion Report to the Responsible Parties for a second round of comments. The second revision of the draft report is due to the EPA by Jan 31, 2012.

III. Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

The field sampling plans for the Fate & Transport Model Study, including the collection of upstream sediment load and current velocity data, is still suspended due to lack of flow in the San Jacinto River. Sampling in the river will be resumed if high-flow conditions are seen within the next month. Sampling plans have been submitted for the Southern Impoundment area; these sampling plans, which are currently undergoing regulatory review, include soil, sediment, and ground water investigations. The draft Fate and Transport Model Study Report is expected to be submitted in February 2012 for review. Agency review of the proposed cap monitoring approach has been completed and the Potentially Responsible Parties are currently preparing detailed plans for approval to perform this work.

IV. Watershed Management

EPA continues to coordinate with the Port of Houston Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TCEQ envisions completing the total maximum daily load for Buffalo Bayou with regard to dioxin/furan by the end of 2012 and will put together a monitoring and implementation plan to reduce levels in Buffalo Bayou to within national background levels.

V. Enforcement

The potentially responsible party group continues to conduct the RI/FS under the Unilateral Administrative Order. Respondents continue to work towards resolving the outstanding issue of stipulated penalties resulting from prior noncompliance with the AOC.

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